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ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING, JANUARY 25 - 28, 1956.

The 4th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education will be held in Buffalo, New York, January 25-28, 1956 with headquarters at the Statler Hotel. The purpose of the Annual Program Meeting is to stimulate a deepening interest in professional education, an increasing awareness of the interdependence of education and practice; and to serve as a forum for the exchange of information and ideas about developments in social work education and in practice which have implications for education. Last year over 600 persons attended the meeting, representing graduate schools of social work, undergraduate departments, public and private social agencies, national, state and local, and others interested in preparing workers for professional practice.

Elmer J. Trojman, Executive Secretary of the Council of Social Agencies of Buffalo is Chairman of the Program Committee; Margaret E. Adams, American Association of Social Workers, serves as co-chairman and chairman of the concurrent sessions; Hans Falck of the University of Buffalo and George Montgomery, Director, Catholic Family Center, Rochester, New York, are co-chairmen of the Workshop Committee. Mrs. J. Lawrence Osborne and Dr. Nils Carpenter are co-chairing the Committee on Local Arrangements. Other chairmen appointed are Anthony K. Kaye of the University of Buffalo, Hotel Arrangements; Grace Russo, University of Buffalo, Hosts and Ushers; and Mrs. Cornelia Allen of the University of Buffalo, Membership. Mrs. Eva K. Falck is the registrar for the meeting.

The Program Committee has held two meetings, one in Buffalo and one in New York, and plans for the Annual Meeting are moving forward steadily. The Committee, following the recommendations of those present at the meeting in Chicago in 1955, is scheduling, in addition to the general sessions, a series of planned presentations with opportunity for discussion, and a series of workshops planned primarily to advance the on-going program of the Council.

The preliminary announcement, with detailed information about the program together with a registration card, a workshop registration card and a hotel reservation form, will be mailed to constituent members of the Council before November 1.

TEACHING MATERIALS COMMITTEE The Teaching Materials Committee announces the publication of several new records. A description of these new casework and group work records, the Adams County community organization record and some new materials designed for use in undergraduate courses with a publication order form will be mailed to members by September 10.

One of these case records will be the Elinor Freundlich Record, a case of two girls, orphans, living in France, who wish to come to the United States to live with relatives. The record consists of letters exchanged among several agencies concerned with social planning in the two countries and shows how casework methods may be adapted to inter-country family situations involving more than one social agency.

One of the group work records will be the Camp Sequoia Record which includes four meetings of the Mothers' Council during the first camp period, a discussion of a movie, the mothers' evaluation of the experience and the worker's summary for this first period.

The Group Work Committee is planning to publish several series of short excerpts.

THE COUNCIL IS HONORED

With justifiable pride, the Council records the following honors bestowed upon its officers and a member of its Board: one of the first annual awards of the 1955 National Conference of Social Work,

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to Fedele F. Fauri, President, "for outstanding contributions in social welfare;" the first annual Florina Lasker Award of the New York School of Social Work, to Jane M. Hoey, First Vice President, "for outstanding achievement in the field of social work;" election to the office of President of the newly constituted National Association of Social Workers, of Nathan E. Cohen, member of the Council's Board.

INTERNATIONAL COM- Katherine A. Kendall, as Secretary of the International Committee, MITTEE OF SCHOOLS attended the Executive Board meeting of that organization held OF SOCIAL WORK July 18-20 in Brussels. She reports that significant progress was made in cementing the organization into an effective international instrument for the promotion of social work education. The Constitution was revised, new program activities were charted, the successful results of effective consultative work with the United Nations were noted, and plans were formulated for the Eighth International Congress of Schools to be held August 3 and 4, 1956, in Munich, immediately prior to the International Conference of Social Work. A cordial invitation is extended to all persons interested in social work education to include this meeting in their foreign travel schedules for the summer of 1956. Mrs. Kendall also visited London, Paris and the Highlands of Scotland.

DIRECTORS OF Recipients of the July 1955 issue of Graduate Professional Schools of Social Work will have noted that Helen Mann has assumed the duties of Director of the School of Social Work, University of Manitoba, and Richard Guilford now serves the University of Nebraska, Graduate School of Social Work, in that capacity. Frank Z. Glick, formerly Director of the Nebraska School, has been appointed Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee, Inc. News of the appointment of Everett C. Shimp as Director of Ohio State University, School of Social Administration, unfortunately did not reach the Council in time for inclusion in the July issue of Graduate Schools.

DOROTHY BOOK The Council notes with sorrow the recent untimely death of Dorothy Book, Dean of the School of Social Work, Boston College. Her devotion to the profession of social work, the cause of social work education and her long years of untiring effort for the American Association of Schools of Social Work and the Council on Social Work Education will be greatly missed.

COMMISSION ON This brief summary reviews the work of the Commission on Accreditation ACCREDITATION for the past fiscal year. Three meetings of the Commission were held and a two-day meeting is scheduled for October 1955. In addition, committees of the Commission, including Commission members and members not on the Commission, have been appointed to carry out their special functions or assignments. These committees have met, as necessary, to develop recommendations for presentation to the Commission on matters of policy and on special curricula accreditation.

Accrediting Actions

During this year the Commission took favorable action with regard to the following programs: 1) New York University, Graduate School of Public Administration and Social Service, Social Service Program, was accredited as a two-year school, 2) the Florida State University, Graduate Social Work Program of the School of Social Welfare; the University of Utah, School of Social Work; the Université de Montréal, Section de Service Social; and the University of Iowa, School of Social Work have received reaffirmation of accredited status, 3) the medical social work program has been approved at the Atlanta University, School of Social Work, and 4) the psychiatric social work programs have been approved at Bryn Mawr College, Carola Woerishoffer Graduate Department of Social Economy and Social Research, and at the Indiana University, Division of Social Service.

In addition the Commission has participated in four all-university reviews with two of the regional accrediting associations. Included in the reviews conducted by the Western College Association were University of California, School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, and University of Hawaii, School of Social Work. Included in the Middle States reviews were Howard University, School of Social Work, and University of Puerto Rico, School of Social Work.

Development of Policy

During 1953-54 a committee of the Commission was appointed to review the criteria used in approving specializations and propose revisions in specialization accreditation which would bring these several statements into greater consistency among themselves and with respect to the basic accrediting standards for the two-year graduate social work program. This committee recommended that each of the specialized professional organizations having approved sequences identify specific criteria and curriculum content of the specialization and forward this for use of the Commission. These reports are being completed now for the use of the standing committee on specializations in social work education which has been established to develop a proposal for revision of the process involved in accrediting specializations. The standing committee is composed of the chairmen of the various review committees for specialized curricula, and other members, not members of the Commission, who are oriented to one of the major methods of social work and have familiarity with the objectives of professional education and a clear understanding regarding the development of specialized curricula. It is hoped that this committee may be ready to report to the Commission in the spring of 1956.

Work has gone forward on the development of policy and procedure to apply in cases of complaint. Revision of several procedural sections of the Manual are in process. Revision of the section on Part-time Study has been completed and distributed to Manual holders.

The Commission continues to develop cooperative relationships with the National Commission on Accrediting and the several regional accrediting associations.

Relationships with National and Regional Accrediting Associations

Activities with regard to reviews were reported above. In addition, there was participation in June 1954 in a Conference on Accrediting sponsored by the Division of Higher Education of the Office of Education. The purpose of this conference was to report on the responsibilities and activities of the above (under Public Law 550, 82nd Congress), to consider problems concerning accreditation and to make recommendations for further activity.

The development of methods of working with the various regional accrediting associations proceeds in different ways. With Middle States, a working agreement has been reached and a common review questionnaire developed. Middle States invited representatives of the professional accrediting bodies with whom they have cooperative working relationships to its spring meeting, including the Council. This plan is recognized by both groups as helping to create closer understanding between the regional accrediting agency and the professional accrediting bodies.

Progress has been made this year in the development of a working agreement with Western College Association and the Commission has participated in two joint reviews as previously reported. General agreements have been reached with Northwest and preliminary understandings with Southern and North Central. Contact has been established with representatives of the New England Association.

Much has been accomplished. At the same time, much remains to be done in developing working relationships with the regional accrediting associations. The Commission has the responsibility of implementing the agreements reached with the various regional associations as well as for developing the standards to be used in appraising a professional school of social work within the framework of an all-university review, and of keeping these current in the light of developments in the field of practice.

MISSION TO THE
FAR EAST

Ernest F. Witte, Executive Director of the Council, has been on leave of absence since June 20. He is serving as a member of a team commissioned by the Foreign Operations Administration and has, to date, traversed the countries of India and Iran. He is currently in Egypt and will, before his return to the Council office on September 16, have visited the Gold Coast.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

United States Government Publications in Social Welfare: A Selected Bibliography, compiled by the Library of the New York School of Social Work, is scheduled for release by the Council in January 1956. It will supplant an earlier publication on the same topic issued in 1954. This revised and augmented issue will serve as a basic, permanent document, with annual supplements to follow. Listing of publications issued by governmental agencies in the field of social welfare will be carried through the first half of 1955.

Among the special features are: 1) the arrangement of agency publications within their departmental organization; 2) the development of the section on Congressional publications by tracing recent and current social welfare legislation through Congress to show the various kinds of documents resulting therefrom; 3) the use of simple code numbers for each bibliographical listing, such as CB:8:351 (Children's Bureau Publication No.351), to facilitate location of an item in this edition and future supplements; and 4) the inclusion of a subject index.

EMPLOYMENT OF SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS BY FIELDS

On the basis of replies received to this questionnaire, circulated by the Council to the graduate schools, these data will be included in the 1954-55 issue of Statistics on Social Work Education.

The Council urges those schools which have not yet filed these forms to return them to the Council office as quickly as possible.

NEW COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Social Work Education in the post-Master's Program, No.3: "Field Work and Related Issues." The third in this series of monographs prepared by the Committee on the Advanced Curriculum in Social Work and the Committee on Field Work in the Advanced Curriculum. \$1.00

Proceedings of the Third Annual Program Meeting - January 26-29, 1955. General Sessions, Vol. 1 - \$2.00; Concurrent Sessions, Vol.2 - \$1.50; Workshops - set of four, complete, \$4.00; or Subject Area I - Joint Responsibilities of School and Agency in Education for Social Work - \$1.25, Subject Area II - Curriculum Planning and Reorganization - \$1.25, Subject Area III - Undergraduate Education for Practice - \$.50, Subject Area IV - Student Assessment - Selection and Continuing Evaluation - \$1.50.

Careers in the Profession of Social Work. A Career Chart giving information about the varied opportunities in social work. For bulletin board display and for use in counseling students. \$.25.

Graduate Professional Schools of Social Work. July 1955. Free on request.

Undergraduate Departments of Colleges and Universities. July 1955. Free on request.

The Effect of Cultural Differences on the Value of American Social Work Education to Foreign Students, by Cayetano Santiago, Jr., Fulbright student from the Philippines. -75¢ Social Work Education Vol.III, No.3, Special Recruitment Issue. Salary trends in social work with comparative data from 1950-1954; particular reference to public agencies. \$1.00

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED Adult Education and Group Work by Louis Lowy, A Whiteside Book, William Morrow and Company, Inc., New York, \$4.00.

World Braille Usage by Sir Clutha MacKenzie, Columbia University Press, New York, \$2.50.

Your Annual Meeting by Bernard Carp, National Publicity Council for Health and Welfare Services, New York, \$3.50 (\$2.50 to members of National Publicity Council).

Social Work Practice in Canada: Case Records and Examples for Study and Teaching, compiled and edited by Arthur C. Abrahamson. Designed for teaching in Schools of Social Work and for in-service training programmes of private and public agencies. University of British Columbia Bookstore, Vancouver 8, Canada. \$4.30.

Questions Parents Ask by James Lee Ellenwood, E.P.Dutton and Co., Inc. New York, \$2.50.

Evaluation in Mental Health. U.S.Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, Superintendent of Documents, Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. \$2.00

America's 'Amazing Women' by Clarence W. Hall. An article dealing with women volunteers. The Reader's Digest (July 1955). Reprint. Pleasantville, New York. 10 copies - 30¢

Education for the Professions, organized and edited by Lloyd E. Blauch, Chief for Education in the Health Professions, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education. Superintendent of Documents, U.S.Gov't Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., \$1.75 (paper), \$2.75 (buckram).

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